United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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NOTICE OF INTERIM CIRCUIT RULE CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Court, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 47, proposes the following amendment to D.C. Circuit Rule 31 to correspond more closely with FRAP 31(b).

This amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2004, on an interim basis.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted to the Court's Advisory Committee on Procedures within 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in *The Daily Washington Law Reporter*. Written comments may be sent to:

Advisory Committee on Procedures c/o Clerk of Court United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit 333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5409 Washington, DC 20001

The Committee will consider any comments received from interested persons and organizations. It will then formulate recommendations to the Court.

Copies of this Notice have been published this day by the means specified in D.C. Circuit Rule 47(c).

Date: February 17, 2004 Mark J. Langer, Clerk

Circuit Rule 31

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See also Circuit Rule 47.1(d)(1) (Matters Under Seal).